



British Tourist (who has been served with a pig's foot)—What's this? I ordered quail!
Negro Waiter—Yes, sah. Yo' got quail.
British Tourist—Quail! Why, a quail's a bird!
Negro Waiter—Not here.—Punch.

It Was No Time to Be Polite.

It was on the Washita river, in southern Arkansas. I had been told where to stop to secure information about a certain piece of land. I reached the place to find it a very dilapidated log cabin, and in front of it sat a long, lean man, who was so yellow in the face that I at first took him for a mulatto. He was stretching and yawning as I rode up, and he apologized for not getting up by saying:

"Scuse me, stranger, but it's about time 'ar my chill."

"Much ague around here?"

"Heaps of it."

"Do you live here all alone?"

"Heck no. The ole woman is in that, but she's got a chill. Sal is my oldest, but she's chillin' too. Ruhe is beyond the meel shed, and he's got it bad today. Yo' kin see Danny out by the log heap, and Susan may be up on the roof. It's our chillin' day, and everybody has got to chill."

I expressed my sympathy and began to ask after the land, but he held up a saw-log finger and said:

"Stranger, I don't know what the custom is elsewhere, but right round yere when a feller has a chill he makes it his business to be chilly, and to 'tend to nuth' in else but shakin'. 'Deed it's all he kin 'tend to. Sorry to disap'int yo', but from now to 4 o'clock I shall hev my back agin this cabin and be shakin' all the chinkin' out from atween the logs. Come back arter that, and I'll talk to yo'."

I returned that evening, and he cheerfully gave me all desired information, and when I rode away he called after me:

"Mighty sorry to hev put yo' to so much trouble, but we've got to foller custom, yo' know, when we're a-chillin', but when the chill goes off and the fever comes on, then we drap all formalities and try to act nat'ral to everybody."—Detroit Free Press.

No Enterprise.

"Let me have three fingers of whisky," he said to the clerk of the drug store.

"I can't," replied the clerk, who did not know the customer. "This is a prohibition state."

"I can't get a drink of whisky, eh?"

"No, sir; not without a physician's prescription, when it is to be used as medicine."

"Is there no emergency at all in which you would be permitted to dispense a small quantity of whisky without that formality—a case of life and death, for instance?"

"Why, yes," replied the clerk. "I suppose if a man were to be bitten by a rattlesnake, and it would require some time to go to a doctor and get a prescription, in that case it might be advisable to give him whisky."

"Do you know where I could find a snake?" was the next question.

"Why, no," replied the clerk, greatly surprised at the query.

"Well," commented the thirsty one with a great deal of disgust in his tone, "it seems to me that if this drug store had any enterprise it would keep a rattlesnake on hand for use in cases of emergency."—Harper's Magazine.

The most curious book in the world was neither written nor printed. The letters in its pages were cut from blue tissue paper, which was afterward pasted on cardboard.

Explained.

An old admiral, well known for his powers of exaggeration, was describing a voyage at supper one night.

"While cruising in the Pacific," said he, "we passed an island which was positively red with lobsters."

"But," said one of the guests, smiling incredulously, "lobsters are not red until boiled."

"Of course not," replied the undaunted admiral, "but this was a volcanic island with boiling springs!"—Tit-Bits.

Parted Forever.

Primus—Johnson and Hobson are next door enemies. Yesterday Johnson's dog bit Hobson.

Secundus—What did Hobson do about it?
Primus—Went off to the Pasteur institute and found Johnson there having the dog inoculated.—Life.

A Sudden Stop.

"You say she tried to stop the car by whistling at it. Did she make a success of it?"

"Yes, in a way. It wasn't her whistling that stopped the car, though. It was the face she made."—Indianapolis Journal.

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Desert Land—Final Proof.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, SANTA FE, N. M., December 21, 1895.
I, Daniel B. Rose, of Farmington, N. M., who made Desert Land application No. 390, on the 15th day of February 1894, for 8 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and W 1/4 of NE 1/4, sec. 9, T. 29 N. R. 13 W., hereby give notice of my intention to make final proof to establish my claim to the land above described before the Probate Clerk of San Juan county, N. M. at 10 o'clock, N. M., on Monday the 17th day of February 1896 and that I expect to prove that said land has been properly irrigated and reclaimed in the manner required by law, by two of the following witnesses:
John Kavanaugh, Jefferson E. Loebe, Homer Hays, Thomas J. Arrington all of Farmington, N. M.
JAMES H. WALKER, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Homestead No. 5019.
United States Land Office
Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 11, 1895.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge or in his absence before the probate clerk of San Juan county at Aztec, N. M., on Dec. 27, 1895, viz:
Howard H. DeLuche,
of Jewett, N. M.
For the lot 12 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 3, and E 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 4, T. 28, of R. 10 W.
He claims the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:
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